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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$900,000 COMPLAINT TO PL ROSEVILLE LLC. FOR STORM WATER VIOLATIONS IN ROSEVILLE

The Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to PL Roseville LLC in Roseville in the amount of \$900,000 for violations of a construction storm water permit.

PL Roseville LLC is the owner and developer of West Park project, a 1484-acre construction project in the City of Roseville. Runoff from the site discharges to Coyote Creek and Pleasant Grove Creek. Storm water violations that occurred on several occasions during the 2005-2006 wet season resulted in water quality impacts to Pleasant Grove Creek, its tributary and vernal pools.

PL Roseville had implemented a number of required Best Management Practices (BMPs) to comply with its storm water construction permit. Violations occurred due to PL Roseville's failure to properly maintain and operate the BMPs in a manner to protect water quality. Violations included improper dewatering activities, which lead to a discharge of sediment-laden storm water into a vernal pool preserve and an unnamed tributary to Pleasant Grove Creek in December. Also in December a significant number of BMP maintenance problems were observed which lead to the discharge of sediment-laden storm water into tributaries of Pleasant Grove Creek. Staff contacted the discharger and issued a Notice of Violation in December. In March, one of the advanced treatment systems utilized to treat storm water prior to discharge malfunctioned. It discharged a significant amount of material into Coyote Creek. PL Roseville LLC cleaned up this material. Subsequently, the Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Violation. In April a second advanced treatment system malfunctioned and discharged material into an unnamed tributary to Pleasant Grove Creek. PL Roseville LLC also cleaned up this discharge. The California Department of Fish and Game is investigating the discharge.

The City of Roseville holds a municipal storm water permit that requires inspection of construction sites and coordination with the Regional Water Board. In compliance with its municipal permit, the City of Roseville worked with the Water Board to identify and document the violations by PL Roseville.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board may consider the Complaint at its regular board meeting on September 21 or 22, 2006.